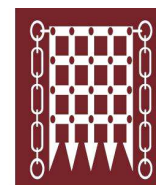


Westminster eForum Keynote Seminar
UK tech post-Brexit: investment, influence and policy priorities

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 27th June 2017

Venue: Glaziers Hall, 9 Montague Close, London SE1 9DD

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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Razzall, Liberal Democrat Lords Spokesperson for Manufacturing
- 9.05 - 9.30 **Priorities for the UK tech sector post-Brexit**
Julian David, Chief Executive Officer, techUK
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 - 10.15 **Key success factors: innovation, investment and trading relationships**
Where are the UK's chief strengths in key emerging technologies and what enablers - such as the regulatory and taxation framework, public investment and support for skills - should be priorities for policymakers going forward? How well does current and planned UK infrastructure support opportunities for growth in the technology sector and in what areas - such as telecommunications, transport and the planning system - could this be improved? What will be the likely impact of acquisitions of UK tech companies like ARM, where might future M&A activity be focused, and to what extent does this reflect the strengths of the UK tech sector compared to other factors such as a weaker pound? What are the most promising routes to widening inward investment in services, networks, emerging technologies and the workforce? Following the success of London tech hubs, how should the £4.7 billion of research and development funding recently announced by Government be applied to developing regional hubs outside the south-east? As trading relationships develop in light of the Brexit vote what might be the implications for key sectors, and what would industry like to see to ensure their ability to trade internationally is safeguarded?
Chris Francis, Director, Government Relations, SAP
Federico Cilauro, Consultant, Frontier Economics
Bindi Karia, Innovation Expert and Advisor, Super Connector
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.15 - 10.25 **'UK tech after Brexit - the wider context'**
Matt Houlihan, Director, Government Affairs, UK & Ireland, Cisco
- 10.25 - 10.50 **Case study: building on success and safeguarding UK industry**
Sydney Nash, Senior Policy Manager, SMMT
Questions and comments from the floor with **Matt Houlihan**, Director, Government Affairs, UK & Ireland, Cisco
- 10.50 - 10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**
Lord Razzall, Liberal Democrat Lords Spokesperson for Manufacturing
- 10.55 - 11.25 Coffee
- 11.25 - 11.30 **Chair's opening remarks**
Roger Darlington, Chair, Consumer Forum for Communications
- 11.30 - 12.30 **Brexit implications and what next for skills, infrastructure and the regulatory framework**
Following the launch of the UK Industrial Strategy and a commitment to a 'Global Britain', what is the potential impact of Brexit for UK tech in both the short and long terms, and how can some of the concerns among business leaders be addressed, particularly around access to skilled labour, free trade and the application of key regulation? In the longer term, how might Brexit affect the strength of the UK's voice in areas such as standardisation, regulatory harmonisation and data sharing? What long term options for access to highly skilled labour from overseas would be most desirable, including for universities? With the growth of disruptive technologies in sectors such as travel and hospitality, what are the implications for the workforce, and is further regulation around employment needed going forward? With new regulation such as EU GDPR in the pipeline in Europe, what are the practicalities for continuity in the run-up to Brexit and following exit from the EU, and what will be the UK's future role in the development of further regulatory frameworks that cut across borders in areas such as data, cyber security and tax? What are the key opportunities and challenges posed by Brexit in terms of appealing to international businesses, in particular options for tax and regulatory reform?
Jarmo Eskelinen, Chief Innovation and Technology Officer, Future Cities Catapult
Stephen Hurley, Head of Brexit Planning, BT Group
Tim Hames, Director General, British Private Equity and Venture Capital Association
Roger Bickerstaff, Partner, Bird & Bird
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 - 12.55 **Policy priorities for the UK going forward: stimulating trade and investment**
Dylan Thomas, Sector Director, Technology and Smart Cities, Department for International Trade
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster eForum closing remarks**
Roger Darlington, Chair, Consumer Forum for Communications
Peter van Gelder, Director, Westminster eForum